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## On the Journey

I am pleasantly surprised by how much I am enjoying putting to use the Annual Campaign theme of “Living Our Values Out Loud.” I find it personally gratifying to be pushed into living up to the theme. I hear more joy and energy in meetings and conversations when we realize how much the work of the church is living out loud and how much more we want to do.

In that spirit, the final Sundays in the church year are focusing on our Unitarian Universalist values. In 2024, UUs from congregations across the country approved a new articulation of our core values after a multi-year process. If you are familiar with the previous set of principles, you will find many similarities. One of the big differences is how we make clear that Love is at the center of all that we proclaim and do.

- ♦ **Love** is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love.
- ♦ **Interdependence:** We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.
- ♦ **Pluralism:** We are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.
- ♦ **Justice:** We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all feel welcome and can thrive.
- ♦ **Transformation:** We adapt to the changing world. We covenant to collectively transform and grow spiritually and ethically.
- ♦ **Generosity:** We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.
- ♦ **Equity:** We declare every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.

In the final text, every value includes a commitment to do real work in the world. How might we bring these values to life as individuals and as a congregation? The complete wording is at [https://www.uua.org/files/2025-09/article\\_2\\_final.pdf](https://www.uua.org/files/2025-09/article_2_final.pdf).

If you want to know more about Unitarian Universalism, this congregation, or simply want to visit with me, I am available to meet at church, over lunch, or for coffee. In late June, I will leave for summer travels and camps with my children. If you have been meaning to reach out, now is the time. I love getting to know everyone who is finding this congregation. My cell phone is 972-639-7900. My email is [revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org). I hope to hear from you.

*Bowing to the Light Within,  
Reverend Jennifer*

## Sunday Services

**Sunday, May 3, 10:30am**

**“Gifts of the Spirit”**

**Reverend Jennifer Innis**

Generosity is often associated with fund-raisers and money. What about other forms, such as skill, time, and compassion? How might we be more filled and connected? This service draws on the UU value of Generosity.

**Sunday, May 10, 10:30am**

**“The Right to Flourish”**

**Reverend Jennifer Innis**

So often we struggle to see each other as fully human. What does respect and dignity mean in this time? This service draws on the UU value of Equity. Special Music from the Peoria Recorder Consort.

**Sunday, May 17, 10:30am**

**“Faith in Games”**

**Senior High Youth**

In this joyful, interactive service, Senior Youth will lead us in learning some of the games they have been playing this year. We’ll all explore how these games can help develop our UU faith. Come curious and leave more connected!

**Sunday, May 24, 10:30am**

**“Becoming a More Perfect Union”**

**Reverend Jennifer Innis**

As we recognize Memorial Day and those who made deep sacrifices, what is the state of our work as a nation? This service is inspired by the UU value of Transformation.

**Sunday, May 31, 10:30am**

**“A Just Community?”**

**Reverend Jennifer Innis**

As Juneteenth approaches and Peoria becomes a center of celebration and Black Joy, how does a largely white congregation fit in the conversation? This service is inspired by the UU value of Justice.



## Sunday Worship

Summer's Coming!



### Summer Service Planning

The Worship Committee is scheduling lay-led Sunday services in June, July, and August. Recent favorites include T-Shirt Theology, Superman, and Ageing. If you have ideas or would like to

assist, please email Rev. Jennifer at [revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org).

### Summer Adventures ~ Sunday Morning Children & Youth RE June - August

Summer at UUCP brings adventures for kids and youth. Religious Education will be in a one-room schoolhouse setting, and each week, we'll explore our UU faith through play and curiosity. Summer is also a time for staff to regroup, rest, and study while preparing for the regular church year. Volunteers needed! Email Jesi Laughlin at [DLRE@PeoriaUUChurch.org](mailto:DLRE@PeoriaUUChurch.org) to volunteer. (Flocknote sign-up link coming soon!)

### New Member Welcome

The congregation will welcome new members during service on Sunday, May 3. If you've recently become a member or plan to become one, please join us. Email Regina Stanley at [membership@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org) to RSVP or to complete the membership steps.

### Seeking Readers in Worship

Would you like to be a reader during Sunday service but want to be more confident at the pulpit? Rev. Jennifer is creating a pool of readers for the regular church year and for lay-led summer services, and she can coach you. Email her at [revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org).

### Pronoun Stickers for Name Tags

All are invited to add pronouns to the plastic name tags at church. Small black and white stickers are available in the foyer. You also are welcome to customize your stickers. The stickers need a little trim to make them fit. See Regina Stanley for information.

## NAACP Peoria Branch

### May Share the Plate ~ NAACP Peoria Branch

The NAACP was formed to ensure that African Americans and other marginalized people would have the same rights afforded to white Americans. Founded in 1915, the Peoria Branch of the NAACP works for equity and justice in all aspects of life: voting, education, housing, employment, and the judicial system. The NAACP receives no government funding. They operate from membership dues—50% goes to the national NAACP and 50% stays in Peoria—and from their annual fundraiser, the Freedom Fund Banquet. The officers and chairpersons are volunteers; there is no paid staff. For more information, see <https://www.peorianaacp.com> or look for NAACP Peoria Branch on Facebook.

In our Share the Plate program, one-half of the undesignated Sunday offering is donated each month to a local nonprofit. You may also put cash or check in an envelope with the charity's name on it, and we will be happy to forward it.

## Activities & Announcements



### Beltane

Saturday, May 2, 3-6pm  
UU Church of Bloomington-Normal ~  
1613 E Emerson St, Bloomington, IL

The Keepers of the Great Grove celebrate the Sabbats by alternating hosting with the Many Paths CUUPs at UUBN. Join us as we welcome the vibrant energy of summer! Our dress code is colorful and summery. After the ritual, we'll share a potluck. Please bring a summery dish! Come dance into summer with community, connection, and the fire of Beltane.



### YEA Deep Conversations

Tuesday, May 5, 6-8pm  
Library or Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/mucwkhdc>

Young & Emerging Adults (ages 18-35) are invited to explore spirituality at the genesis of adulthood in an open conversation with peers. Each month, we gather on the First Tuesday to connect with a new topic. This month's topic is Roots. Join us in-person or on Zoom. For more information, email Erin Roberson at [embregan@gmail.com](mailto:embregan@gmail.com).



## What Is Pledging Anyway?

Each spring, we hear about pledging. During our Annual Campaign, members and friends of our beloved community are asked to consider their financial commitment (pledge) to the church for the fiscal year, beginning July 1. We have a culture of generosity!

Pledges comprise 76% of the income our church receives to support our work—worship services, religious education for all ages, justice work in our community and beyond, welcoming new members, maintaining our lovely building, fellowship activities, and so much more. Our proposed budget for 2026-27 totals \$491,561. Sadly, this does not include a raise for our minister and staff members, who make it all possible.

Our pledge goal is \$370,000 and each pledge is important! We are people at various stages of life and various financial situations, so pledges come in all sizes. When deciding how much your household will pledge, please ask yourself two questions: (1) What is the value of the church in my life? (2) What is my financial situation? Can you pledge \$5 a month? \$5 a week? \$50 a month? \$500 a month? Or another amount? You can pay your pledge weekly, monthly, or on another schedule you determine, and your pledge is confidential.

If you have any questions about pledging, please contact [pledges@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:pledges@peoriauuchurch.org). **Please make your pledge by May 3.** Fill out the pledge form in your pledge packet, find forms on the table in the church foyer, or pledge online at <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/pledge/1096>.

It “takes a village” for our church to live out its values of love, justice, equity, transformation, pluralism, interdependence, and generosity!

## Plant Exchange

*Sunday, May 3, Patio, before & after service*

Have some perennials in need of dividing? Looking for some to plant? Need to rehome a houseplant? Come to the plant exchange! You don't need to bring plants in order to take plants and vice versa. Donations to the church are optional but welcome. Questions? Call or text Bernie Humphrey at 309-360-4199.

## UUCP Emergent Nature

*Thursdays, May 7 & 21, 6:30-8:30pm*

*In Person Only ~ Jr High Room*

Join us for growth-filled discussion and nature activities informed by the teachings of Robin Wall Kimmerer in her book *Braiding Sweetgrass*. Sign up to receive group communications, meeting reminders, and reading suggestions at [uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/243491](https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/243491). For more information, email Jesi Laughlin at [DLRE@peoriaUChurch.org](mailto:DLRE@peoriaUChurch.org). Attend one, some, or all sessions.



## Forest Work Day

*Saturday May 9, 9-11am*

*Great Grove*

Come out in nature and help us do some trail work in the Great Grove! Tasks include mulching and removing invasive plants, such as poison ivy. Questions? Email Evan Stubbs at [sirstubby@hotmail.com](mailto:sirstubby@hotmail.com).

## YEA in the Wild

*Saturday, May 16, 1-3pm*

*Zion Coffee ~ 803 SW Adams St, Peoria*

Young & Emerging Adults (ages 18-35) are welcome to hang out at Zion Coffee for a couple hours. This is the start of a series of outings to build community and familiarity with our great city. Funds are available to assist with cost. For more information, email Erin Roberson at [embregan@gmail.com](mailto:embregan@gmail.com).



## Annual Spring Salad Luncheon

*Sun., May 17, after service Fellowship Hall*

Join us after service on May 17 to support the Minister's Discretionary Fund at the only event where you get to bring your favorite salad to a potluck and pay to eat it! Suggested donation: \$3/child; \$5/adult; \$15 max/family. Cash, check, Venmo, and credit cards accepted. The Caring Committee and volunteers will provide drinks and desserts.

## Affirming Faiths Youth Group

*Sunday, May 17, 4pm, Location TBD*

Youth in 5th grade and up are invited to join youth from LGBTQ Affirming Faiths around Peoria for a monthly meeting focused on building community through fun & friendship.

## Pleasant Valley Middle School Musical: *The Lion King*

Thursday & Friday, May 14 & 15, 7pm  
3314 W Richwoods Blvd, Peoria

Come encourage students at the school we support through our School Outreach program. If you have not been to one of their productions, you need to come! Their productions are always fabulous and professionally done. There will be seating with folding chairs on the floor, but if you want to bring a bleacher cushion, you can see all the action even better from the bleachers.

### Kitchen Cleanup Crew Needed!

Volunteers are paid in six figures:  
S-M-I-L-E-S. See Sarah McAlexander in the kitchen after church or text her at 309-643-0049.

## LGBTQ+ Advocacy Day

Thursday, May 21, in Springfield, IL

Equality Illinois's annual LGBTQ+ Advocacy Day is an opportunity for leaders, activists, and allies from across the state to come together and engage in crucial political action, including a rally, advocacy training, and time to engage with legislators. Register for this family-friendly event at <http://bit.ly/4mKU0u1>. For more information, please email Regina Stanley at [membership@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org).



◆ Flower Communion & Congregational Meeting ~ Sunday, June 7

◆ Church Picnic at the Herm Farm ~ Sunday, June 14



### The Rummage Sale Is Coming!

Setup: July 6-16 ~ Sale: Friday & Saturday, July 17 & 18

Our Annual Rummage Sale will be a little earlier this year (see dates above), so get your donations ready now! **We will accept donations June 1-July 15.** We happily accept all sorts of household/kitchen or outdoors/sports items that are unbroken, clean, and bug-free. **We DO NOT accept nonfunctional items, child car seats, TVs, computers/accessories, tires, opened toiletries, adult clothing, or items in unsalable condition.** For questions about specific items or to help with planning, providing food, sorting, or sale days, email

Lindy Peterson at [lindytpeterson@comcast.net](mailto:lindytpeterson@comcast.net). This is our largest fundraiser and requires the most help, so we appreciate any time you can give. Clean out your storage while also helping the church and providing the community with great deals on needed items!



Each June, we recognize the volunteers in our church family who have made notable contributions in the last year. Who works like a **CHURCH MOUSE** behind the scenes, quietly contributing to the well-being of the church? Who goes **ABOVE AND BEYOND** regular service expectations to show leadership for a one-time or ongoing project or activity? And who should have the **OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD**, given in memory of Jack and Joanne Fought, to honor their unselfish, long-standing gifts of time and talent?

A nominee for the **Outstanding Service Award** must be a church member with a history of volunteerism within or on behalf of the church for at least five years. Other factors to be considered for this award are the nominee's ability to facilitate the volunteer service of others, the nominee's volunteer services in the larger community, and their adherence to UU principles in daily living.

We need your nominations to recognize those among us who contribute so much! Nomination forms are available on the foyer sign-up table, at <https://tinyurl.com/5bbfcszh> or email Melissa at [office@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:office@peoriauuchurch.org). Submit nominations to Lindy Peterson at [lindytpeterson@comcast.net](mailto:lindytpeterson@comcast.net). Please include the name of the nominee, the award you are recommending them for, and the reasons the person or group should receive this award. **The deadline for nominations is May 24, 2026.**

## Recurring Groups

### **Life Force Tai Chi ~ 1st & 3rd Sundays**

*Sundays, May 3 & 17, 9:30am, Meet in Foyer*

Tai Chi is an ancient discipline from China. Join Dave Grebner for this class, where we will learn how to stand and move to enhance the flow of chi life energy through our bodies. We will meet in the church foyer, find an available room, and practice until 10am.

### **Keepers of the Great Grove ~ CUUPs**

*Wednesday, May 6, 6-7:30pm, Conference Room or Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/2nyj5zet>*

Join us for our monthly member-led meetings. In May, we will begin planning the Litha/Midsommar service that will take place on Sunday, June 22, for the 10:30am service, and we will be checking in about plans for the herb garden. CUUPs stands for Covenant of UU Pagans. All are welcome at our meetings.

### **Mah Jongg for UUs**

*Sundays, May 10 & 24, 1-3pm, Fellowship Hall*

Do you play Mah Jongg or do you want to learn? Join the fun on 2nd and 4th Sundays! Bring your own drink and snack, and if you have a Mah Jongg set or mat, bring it, too. Questions? Contact Char Rickey at 309-472-7085 or [spinwool7@aol.com](mailto:spinwool7@aol.com) or Evan Stubbs at 575-621-5519 or [sirstubby@hotmail.com](mailto:sirstubby@hotmail.com).

### **Amethyst Circle: An Addiction Recovery Group Following UU Values**

*Wednesday, May 13, 7-8pm, RE Meeting Room or Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/2jhfwusx>*

Gather with others to offer and receive support on your addiction journey. This group is facilitated by Tony Huerta and is open to all.

### **LGBTQIA2S+ Group at UUCP**

*Monday, May 18, 2pm, Conference Room*

Do you identify as LGBTQIA2S+? Do you attend, visit, or belong to UUCP? Join us on the 3rd Monday each month. Questions? Email Tim Herold at [herold1961@gmail.com](mailto:herold1961@gmail.com) for details.

### **Third Thursday Ladies' Lunch**

*Thursday, May 21, 11:30am*

*Los Cabos Cantina and Grill ~*

*7800 N Sommer Street #106, Peoria*

Join us at this popular Mexican restaurant known for their authentic flavors, extensive menu, and good service. Please RSVP to Carlette at 309-258-5890.

### **YEA! Monthly Potluck ~ 4th Sundays**

*Sunday, May 24, after service, Conference Rm*

Young & Emerging Adults ages 18-35 are invited to our monthly potluck. Soup is provided but bring a dish to share, if able. Each month, we'll discuss a new topic. This month's theme is Change. For more information, email Erin Roberson at [embregan@gmail.com](mailto:embregan@gmail.com).

### **Brown Bag Lunch & Conversation**

*Thursday, May 28, 11:30am-1:30pm*

Bring your own lunch and join in conversation with others on the 4th Thursday of each month. This lunchtime community is open to all!

### **Retired Men's Last Friday Lunch**

*Friday, May 29, Noon*

*Childers Eatery, 3312 N University St, Peoria*

Join other retired UU men for lunch on the last Friday of the month. Questions? Email Bill Keefner at [wkeef84@gmail.com](mailto:wkeef84@gmail.com).



Drop in and join Membership Coordinator Regina Stanley to discuss whatever is on your mind. Questions? Contact Regina at 309-648-2767 or [membership@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org).

### **A Course in Miracles**

*Sundays, 8:45-10am, Conference Room*

You are welcome to join ongoing weekly sessions of *A Course in Miracles*, a self-study spiritual program based on universal spiritual themes, primarily including forgiveness as the path to love in order to focus on living more peacefully in this world. To RSVP, contact Suzette Boulais at [zetter3@comcast.net](mailto:zetter3@comcast.net).

### **Humanist Discussion Group**

*Tuesdays, 7pm, Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3rthCHR>*

Join us as we invite guest presenters and talk about videos of current events, religion, and politics. We aspire to use empathy, humility, curiosity, critical thinking, and compassionate communication to discuss new insights, controversy, disinformation, irrationality, and magical thinking.



### Peoria Chiefs Baseball Outings

Join us for two fun nights of baseball:

◆ Faith & Family Night, June 6.  
Tickets \$12 each

◆ Pride Night, June 19. Tickets \$20 each (*Please purchase from Peoria Proud to benefit them.*)  
More details to come!

### Become a Member of UUCP Today!

Have you considered becoming a member of UUCP? Do you want to be able to vote on church matters? Our bylaws state that to vote at our Annual Congregational Meeting, you must have been a member for at least 28 days and have a contribution on record. This year, the meeting will be on June 7, so you must sign the membership book by May 10, 2026.

### Share the Plate Recipients

Help the Social Impact Committee (SIC) find recipients for our Share the Plate program by nominating an organization that aligns with our church's values and supports the wider Central IL community. Organizations we've supported in the past include East Bluff Community Center Food Pantry, NAACP Peoria Branch, and LULA NFP. Nomination forms are due May 16 and can be found in Fellowship Hall or online at <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/255435>.

#### Applications for Share the Plate are open!

Do you or someone you know run an organization that affirms our church's values? Invite them to apply by May 31 to be considered for fiscal year 2027. Pick up a form in Fellowship Hall or go to <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/250029>.

## Committee of the Month



### Welcome Committee: Creating a Warm First Impression

The Welcome Committee helps make UUCP inviting and connected so that every visitor feels at home and our community continues to grow. In partnership with Hospitality, Worship, and Religious Education, the committee ensures that newcomers are greeted warmly and have everything they need for a meaningful first experience.

Each Sunday, committee members staff the Welcome Table before and after service, offering name tags, visitor packets, and friendly conversation. They also coordinate ushers and keep our information materials up to date. From the first hello to ongoing engagement, the Welcome Committee plays a vital role in making sure all who walk through our doors feel seen, valued, and truly welcome.

To volunteer, email Welcome Committee Chair Mitze Nitzsche (pictured at left) at [mrnitch67@gmail.com](mailto:mrnitch67@gmail.com). Questions? Email

Membership Coordinator Regina Stanley at [membership@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org).

## In Our UU Family

♥ We send wishes for health to Bob Swanson. Bob is recovering from a recent stroke. Bob and Sue appreciate the expressions of support from the congregation. Cards are especially welcome. Their address is 1332 E Samuel Ave, Peoria Heights, IL 61616.

♥ We offer our condolences to Judith Koren-Shanahan. Her sister Barbara Jean Crow died on April 4. May Barbara's family receive the support they need in this time of sorrow.

♥ We offer wishes for recovery to Bec Wilson. They were treated for a bad ear infection in April.

♥ We send our condolences to Adam Gudat's family and friends. Adam died on Tuesday, April 14, at the age of 87. He was a long-time friend of the congregation. His wife, Bonnie, was active for years before her death in 2018. Adam's obituary can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/3t9hajnh>.

♥ We offer our sympathies to Kellie Johnson and her family. Her grandmother died on April 13.

♥ We offer our congratulations to Gene Bourke, who is celebrating retirement from designing and building theater sets. His final set was for Cornstock Theater's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. He has worked in theater for 57 years on 250+ shows and loved every minute of it.

# Church Life

New Member Sunday ~ March 22

Easter Sunday ~ April 5



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Annual Campaign Kickoff Sunday ~ April 12



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The UU-Kuleles ~ Sunday, April 19

Visit the UUCP Labyrinth

Lovingly built and maintained by hand, the UUCP Labyrinth is a path designed for walking meditation. For more info, find our brochures in the lobby or at the patio door or look for the display in Fellowship Hall that gives suggestions for how you might find it meaningful to your spiritual practice. You can find the Labyrinth at the east corner of our parking lot.



# Happy Birthday!

June 1 Kim Farlin  
 June 2 Lydia Wilson  
 June 6 Gary Chatham  
 June 7 Kristy Glynn  
 June 7 Terry Glynn  
 June 9 Holly Cook  
 June 9 Jeannie Jones

June 9 Terry Malone  
 June 10 Sally Fairley  
 June 12 Kevin Tindall  
 June 14 Rev. Jennifer Innis  
 June 15 Maureen O’Haenny  
 June 17 Susan Bopp  
 June 18 Jean Slonneger  
 June 19 Jack Ryan  
 June 19 Andy Shull  
 June 20 Connor McManis  
 June 22 Alex Tiethoff  
 June 23 Denice Hallstein  
 June 24 Nicole Meyer  
 June 26 Vicki Huerta  
 June 30 Tom Malone

# Happy Anniversary!

June 3 John & Thesie Heiser  
 June 17 Ed & Lin Hoffman  
 June 19 Joe & Char Rickey  
 June 21 Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price  
 June 30 Steve & Linda Fairbanks

Submit your birthday or anniversary info to the office at [office@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:office@peoriauuchurch.org).

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Find our connection groups on facebook

UUCP RE Families Connection



Unitarian Universalist of Peoria Connection



**NEXT BUILDER**

**Deadline:** Wednesday, May 27  
**Submit to:** [office@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:office@peoriauuchurch.org)  
**Mailing:** Wednesday, June 3

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# Calendar of Events - May 2026

## Saturday, May 2

3:00-6:00 PM Beltane UU of Bloomington-Normal [DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org)

## Sunday, May 3

8:45-10:00 AM A Course in Miracles Conference Room Suzette Boulais, [zetter3@comcast.net](mailto:zetter3@comcast.net)  
 9:30 AM Life Force Tai Chi Meet in Foyer Dave Grebner, [doggiedad@mtco.com](mailto:doggiedad@mtco.com)  
 10:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary  
 11:30 AM Coffee Hour Fellowship Hall  
 11:30 AM Plant Exchange Patio Bernie Humphrey, 309-360-4199  
 12:00 PM Sunday Afternoon Circle Sr. High Room [sgm@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org)  
 1:00 PM PRC Practice Sanctuary Bill Keefner, [wkeef84@gmail.com](mailto:wkeef84@gmail.com)

## Monday, May 4

1:00 PM OLLI Practice Sanctuary Bill Keefner, [wkeef84@gmail.com](mailto:wkeef84@gmail.com)  
 7:00-9:00 PM Connection Circle RE Meeting Room [sgm@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org)

## Tuesday, May 5

11:00 AM Connection Circle Library Jeanette Gruber, 309-383-3111  
 6:00-8:00 PM YEA Deep Conversations Library & Zoom Erin Roberson, [embregan@gmail.com](mailto:embregan@gmail.com)  
 7:00 PM SGM Facilitator Meeting Conference Room [sgm@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org)  
 7:00 PM Humanist Discussion Group Virtual Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

## Wednesday, May 6

9:00 AM-1:30 PM Private Homeschool Group RE Wing & Fellowship Hall [DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org)  
 1:00 PM Administrative Team Conference Room [adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org)  
 5:30 PM-7:30 PM Annual Campaign & Stewardship RE Meeting Room  
 6:00-7:30 PM Ukulele Strum Fun Foyer Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626  
 6:00-7:30 PM Keepers of the Great Grove ~ CUUPs Conference Room & Zoom [DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org)

## Thursday, May 7

10:00 AM Mugs & Musings Leaves 'n Beans [membership@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org)  
 2:00-4:00 PM Connection Circle Junior High Room [sgm@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org)  
 6:30-8:30pm UUCP Emergent Nature Conference Room [DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org)

## Saturday, May 9

9:00-11:00 AM Forest Work Day Great Grove Evan Stubbs, [sirstubby@hotmail.com](mailto:sirstubby@hotmail.com)

## Sunday, May 10

8:45-10:00 AM A Course in Miracles Conference Room Suzette Boulais, [zetter3@comcast.net](mailto:zetter3@comcast.net)  
 10:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary  
 11:30 AM Coffee Hour Fellowship Hall  
 11:30 AM Jewelry Exchange Fellowship Hall Bernie Humphrey, 309-360-4199  
 1:00-3:00 PM Mah Jongg for UUs Fellowship Hall Char Rickey, [spinwool7@aol.com](mailto:spinwool7@aol.com)

## Monday, May 11

1:00 PM OLLI Practice Sanctuary Bill Keefner, [wkeef84@gmail.com](mailto:wkeef84@gmail.com)  
 6:30 PM Monday Evening Connection Circle [sgm@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org)

## Tuesday, May 12

7:00 PM Humanist Discussion Group Virtual Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

## Wednesday, May 13

9:00 AM-1:30 PM Private Homeschool Group RE Wing & Fellowship Hall [DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org)  
 1:00 PM Administrative Team Conference Room [adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org)  
 6:00-7:30 PM Ukulele Strum Fun Foyer Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626  
 7:00-8:00 PM Amethyst Circle RE Meeting Room [DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org)

## Thursday, May 14

10:00 AM Mugs & Musings Leaves 'n Beans [membership@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org)  
 2:00-4:00 PM Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle Conference Room [sgm@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org)

## Saturday, May 16

1:00-3:00 PM YEA in the Wild Zion Coffee Bar Erin Roberson, [embregan@gmail.com](mailto:embregan@gmail.com)



**Sunday, May 17**

8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room	Suzette Boulais, <a href="mailto:zetter3@comcast.net">zetter3@comcast.net</a>
9:30 AM	Life Force Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall	Dave Grebner, <a href="mailto:doggiedad@mtco.com">doggiedad@mtco.com</a>
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	
12:00 PM	Sunday Afternoon Circle	Sr. High Room	<a href="mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org">sgm@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
12:00 PM	Annual Salad Luncheon	Fellowship Hall	<a href="mailto:caring@peoriauuchurch.org">caring@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
12:00 PM	Welcome Committee	RE Meeting Room	<a href="mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org">membership@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
1:00 PM	PRC Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, <a href="mailto:wkeef84@gmail.com">wkeef84@gmail.com</a>
4:00 PM	Affirming Faiths Youth Group	TBD	<a href="mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org">DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org</a>

**Monday, May 18**

1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, <a href="mailto:wkeef84@gmail.com">wkeef84@gmail.com</a>
2:00 PM	LGBTQIA2S+ Group	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:herold1961@gmail.com">herold1961@gmail.com</a>
7:00-9:00 PM	Connection Circle	RE Meeting Room	<a href="mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org">sgm@peoriauuchurch.org</a>

**Tuesday, May 19**

11:00 AM	Connection Circle	Library	Jeanette Gruber, 309-383-3111
6:00 PM	Finance/Personnel Committee	Library	Bill Keefner, <a href="mailto:wkeef84@gmail.com">wkeef84@gmail.com</a>
7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

**Wednesday, May 20**

9:00 AM-1:30 PM	Private Homeschool Group	RE Wing & Fellowship Hall	<a href="mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org">DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org">adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
6:00-7:30 PM	Uukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626
6:30-8:00 PM	Sierra Club General Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Robert Rowe, <a href="mailto:rowe@bradley.edu">rowe@bradley.edu</a>
6:30 PM	Worship Committee	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:office@peoriauuchurch.org">office@peoriauuchurch.org</a>

**Thursday, May 21 ~ LGBTQ+ Advocacy Day in Springfield**

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Leaves `n Beans	<a href="mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org">membership@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
11:30 AM	Third Thursday Ladies' Lunch	Los Cabos Cantina & Grill	Carlette Corlett, 309-258-5890
2:00-4:00 PM	Connection Circle	Junior High Room	<a href="mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org">sgm@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
6:30-8:30pm	UUCP Emergent Nature	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org">DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org</a>

**Sunday, May 24**

8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room	Suzette Boulais, <a href="mailto:zetter3@comcast.net">zetter3@comcast.net</a>
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	
12:00 PM	Yea! Monthly Potluck	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org">DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
1:00-3:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UUs	Fellowship Hall	Char Rickey, <a href="mailto:spinwool7@aol.com">spinwool7@aol.com</a>

**Monday, May 25 ~ Memorial Day ~ Church Office CLOSED**

1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, <a href="mailto:wkeef84@gmail.com">wkeef84@gmail.com</a>
6:30 PM	Monday Evening Circle		<a href="mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org">sgm@peoriauuchurch.org</a>

**Tuesday, May 26**

7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717
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**Wednesday, May 27**

9:00 AM-1:30 PM	Private Homeschool Group	RE Wing & Fellowship Hall	<a href="mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org">DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org">adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
6:00-7:30 PM	Uukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626
6:30 PM	Board Meeting	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:office@peoriauuchurch.org">office@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
11:45 PM	<i>Builder</i> Deadline		<a href="mailto:office@peoriauuchurch.org">office@peoriauuchurch.org</a>

**Thursday, May 28**

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Leaves `n Beans	<a href="mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org">membership@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
11:30 AM-1:30 PM	Brown Bag Lunch & Conversation	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:office@peoriauuchurch.org">office@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org">sgm@peoriauuchurch.org</a>

**Friday, May 29**

12:00 PM	Retired Men's Last Friday Lunch	Childers on University	Bill Keefner, <a href="mailto:wkeef84@gmail.com">wkeef84@gmail.com</a>
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**Sunday, May 31**

8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room	Suzette Boulais, <a href="mailto:zetter3@comcast.net">zetter3@comcast.net</a>
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	



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